

In the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 13, and 19-40 are canceled. Claims 41-53 are new. Claims 2, 3, 5, 8-12, and 14-18 are currently amended. The claims are as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.
3. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is a swimming pool.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[4]] 2, wherein the swimming pool comprises a shading structure removably attached to the swimming pool, wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the shading structure, and wherein the resilient structure comprises a shading structure is adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.
6. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 5, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.
7. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is selected from the group

consisting of a dock and a boat.

8. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is an inflatable buoyancy structure.

9. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

10. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.

11. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.

12. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim [[1]] 14, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

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a platform structure;

a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure; and

at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water, and The floatation apparatus of claim 13, wherein the platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the pet.

15. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

16. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

17. (Currently Amended) The floatation apparatus of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.

18. (Currently Amended) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

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a platform structure, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure;

a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure; and

at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water; and

The floatation apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a membrane structure removably attached to a bottom side of the floatation apparatus, wherein the membrane structure is adapted to capture the liquid draining through the perforations.

19-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.

42. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

43. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 42, wherein the swimming pool comprises a shading structure removably attached to the swimming pool, wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the shading structure, and wherein the shading structure is adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.

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44. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 43, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.

44. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.

45. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is an inflatable buoyancy structure.

46. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

47. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.

48. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.

49. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

50 (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, and wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water.

51. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

52 (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

53. (New) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.